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## Town council agrees to partial funding of helipad

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

Town council agreed at its Feb. 25 meeting to spend \$60,000 in the next two years to fund an improved helipad at the Didsbury hospital.

The funds will come from town administration taking \$30,000 from general reserves in 2014 and \$30,000 from general reserves in 2015 and placing each of those amounts in a helipad reserve fund until the funds could be used to build the helipad.

The issue was discussed during a public open house on Feb. 24 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex in which councillors talked to town residents about the helipad and several other topics. During the council meeting, Coun. Lavar Adams said many residents at the community forum wanted to pay for the helipad up front rather than the town imposing a tax on residents to pay for it. Others wanted to know if money could be taken from the town's reserves, but Adams said the drawback to that option is that the funds would have to be replaced at a later date. Adams also said some citizens believe that if the town spends money on what is an Alberta Health Services responsibility, the town will be opening a Pandora's box in accepting responsibility for items that aren't directly town responsibilities.

"I do think the helipad is a vital part of our hospital and our community," he said.

Coun. Garth Hollinger said because STARS has made 26 landings in the community in the past two years, the helipad is a vital component of health care in the community. He said the town is indirectly supporting the

helipad already, because firefighters must attend each landing at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church.

Coun. Sheila Shulz added that the Zion church can't continue to be the de facto landing spot in Didsbury because it is inefficient and ground ambulances have to transport patients either to or from the church to the hospital.

During the public forum on the issue, Clem Keulker, the chair of the subcommittee of the Rosebud Health Foundation that is spearheading the drive for a new helipad, said \$223,000 has already been raised toward the estimated \$500,000 cost of a new helipad, including \$30,000 from the Town of Carstairs for the project. Mountain View County council was also scheduled to consider whether it would be pledging \$60,000 toward the project at council's March 5 meeting.

Keulker said that the engineering drawings for the project are estimated to cost \$50,000.

The former helipad that was in Didsbury was closed in 2009 because Transport Canada deemed it too close to the hospital building and suggested it be moved slightly farther away for safety reasons.

Asked by Herman Doran why the helipad is estimated to cost so much, Keulker said the pad must be secured by packed fill and that everything must meet Alberta Health Services specifications.

"We believe it will come in less than (\$500,000)," Keulker replied.

One member of the public said he was concerned that many residents on fixed incomes wouldn't be able to afford

their per capita cost.

Another resident at the forum asked about maintenance costs for the pad.

"My biggest concern is the maintenance cost for this thing. How much more will it cost (to maintain)?," he asked.

Keulker said there would be minimal direct cost to taxpayers because AHS makes sure the pad is clear for landings.


In an interview, Keulker said the helipad is important because ground ambulance takes much longer to transport a patient where they need to go, and when a medical emergency arises, time is of the essence. He said the cost to Didsbury taxpayers would be about \$35 in total for two years' contributions.

New helicopters purchased by STARS can make the trip from Didsbury to Calgary in 15 minutes, Keulker said.

The amount of money being asked for is minimal, Keulker added, when considering that it would be used over a large geographic area encompassing all of Mountain View county and Crossfield.

Keulker said residents who voiced concerns about the levy being written into the town's budget as a line item were correct to conclude that if the town did that, it would stay there in perpetuity. Keulker advocated for it simply to be an expense written into the budget for two years. After those two years, the expense would disappear.

The Town of Didsbury has never contributed to the Rosebud Health Foundation except for specific projects. Despite that, the RHF has managed to raise \$1.1 million for medical needs since forming in 1992.



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**RED RIVER JIG** - Members of the Desjarlais Metis Dancers performed the heel-toe polka, broom dance, orange blossom special and the Red River jig, pictured here, on Feb. 27 at Ross Ford Elementary School. The Medicine Hat-based group of six dancers includes two four-year-old performers and travels around to several different events throughout the province, performing traditional Metis dances.



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# Bruce Steel moving to Didsbury

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

Bruce Steel announced it would be moving its operation from Edmonton to Didsbury last week.

The steel fabrication company is the first company to publicly announce buying lots in the Shantz Crossing Business Park. It purchased two lots totaling more than six hectares. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Bruce Steel primarily designs structural buildings, but also builds pipe racks, oilfield apparatus and handrails. It will start construction of a 4,500 square metre fabrication building later this year, and once the building is completed, the company will move its office staff to Didsbury as well. The company will employ over 100 people when it reaches full complement, making it one of the largest employers in the community.

"When you're looking for places to expand and make your business grow, location (is important). And my feeling is that this

is the location. It does have people around here that will help us do the work, it does have land that will help us expand to fit the criteria of our customers when we need it," said Brian Bruce, president of Bruce Steel, during a news conference last week. "Didsbury wasn't a quick decision for us. We looked around and (the community does) fit the criteria."

Bruce said the company was looking to move closer to its customer base in Calgary but away from densely-populated areas so that it could take advantage of business opportunities in a more timely manner.

"It's the ability to serve our end customer that very important. They don't want to hear 'no.'"

Dalip Prasad, general manager of Bruce Steel, said since he and Greg Skotheim, manager of public works with the town, were talking together so much in the past, Bruce Steel began wondering if it might be possible to re-locate closer to Didsbury.

"Didsbury has the

advantage of transportation and is very close to our clientele. So in less than an hour we are with them. We come here with lots of excitement and expectation. We can grow with Didsbury," he said.

Drafting will still be done in India and the Philippines, Prasad said, with all the other functions being done in Didsbury. He said because there are more of those skilled people in those countries, Bruce Steel will retain those employees there.

"In North America, there are equally good drafting and engineering people. But they're not available to smaller companies like us and that's why we use that (overseas expertise)," Dalip said.

Deputy Mayor Gail Nowlan said the town is looking forward to welcoming a community-minded business that supports communities in which it operates.

"It was council's goal to have all the land (in the business park) sold within seven years and we are



Kevin Vink/MVP Staff

Gail Nowlan, acting mayor of Didsbury and Bruce Steel representatives Brian Bruce and Dalip Prasad announced on Feb. 25 that Bruce Steel will be moving its manufacturing operation to Didsbury from Edmonton.

well on our way to achieving this goal," she said.

With the addition of Bruce Steel, the tax base for the town will be upped to about 12 per cent on the non-residential side. While the ideal is about 70 per cent residential and 30 per cent non-residential, Nowlan said town officials are working hard to improve that ratio.

"We recognize we have a long way to go

but Bruce Steel has a very positive impact for our town," she said.

With new people moving to town, Nowlan said the newcomers will have a positive impact on the existing businesses and community groups.

Shelley Fakir, president of the Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce, said that organization is pleased Bruce Steel will be mov-

ing to the community.

"With some of their employees relocating, we hope it will help see an increase in the growth of Didsbury and we hope it will help local businesses. With a business of that size relocating to Didsbury it may open the doors to other businesses to see the opportunities that Didsbury has to offer," she said.

## Councillor explains Shantz development so far



JOYCE MCCOY

We have had so many questions about Shantz and the true costs so in an effort to clarify to all the residents, I've tried to pro-

vide a very clear explanation of it. This includes true costs to date. At the time of this article Bruce Steel has purchased 2 of the lots.

Didsbury's intent was to facilitate the completion of this development and break even. The original budget was cushioned for real estate and legal fees.

**2011**  
Up to and including 2011, the costs of Shantz were \$933,999.00. This included some things we would have incurred regardless of who owned the development such as

developing an area structure plan (ASP) There were engineering costs to assess the land, design fees, environmental and transportation impact assessments, planning costs, environmental site assessment, etc. The main cost was for running the utilities to the property line, which amounted to \$761,377.00 or 81.5% of the total 2011 costs. There were some legal costs for the purchase of the lands from CMI however that was allocated to General Admin.

**2012**

Constructions begins! The area structure plan and Transportation impact assessment are completed. The design is finalized and legal land surveys are done. The town finalizes the ASP. There were town costs for a subdivision application fee, amending the ASP and a fee to Duck's Unlimited. The total amount spent in 2012 was \$2,053,397.00. The main costs incurred this year were for roads and deep services for \$1,629,065.00 (79%). The project isn't completed as per the orig-

inal plan. The delays are not caused by the town.

**2013**

There are more delays again, outside of the control of the town. This affects sales. It's difficult to market something that hasn't been completed and some interested parties find alternative locations. The total costs for \$2,053,397. Costs included more engineering fees, power and street lightings and roads and deep services. Most of the costs were for the completion of roads and deep services which were \$1,283,455.00 (79%)

**2014**

In 2014 we have budgeted for \$120,000.00 for other shallow utilities. Up to and including 2014 the costs for Shantz are \$4,731,516.00. Moving forward we have budgeted

an additional \$2,070,053 for the cost of the land. These costs won't be incurred until 2015-2016. To date there have been financing costs of \$180,653 and Advertising and Marketing costs of \$41,150. In total the cost of Shantz to completion will be \$7,023,371.00.

**Revenues**

Of course by it's nature, developments don't see revenue until they are completed and can be sold. That is the risky part. By 2016 we will have sold some, if not all of the lots. The revenue potential for Shantz is \$7,523,219.

The bottom line is \$499,848 in profit remembering of course that there will be additional legal, financing and marketing and advertising.

Joyce McCoy is a Town of Didsbury councillor.

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# Curling club, town officials to meet

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

Town officials and members of the Didsbury Curling Club will be meeting by the end of March to try and get the club back to financial health. Town council decided to schedule the meeting after discussing the health of the club at its Feb. 25 meeting.

The DCC has accumulated a \$40,000 loss in the last two years and has been working with town staff and council on ways it can ease its financial burden. Jen Bommarito, president of the DCC, has met with council on at least two separate occasions since the beginning of January to see if council may be able to help the club back to financial health. The club has also been working with town staff over the last few months as well.

Many councillors at the meeting expressed dismay at the DCC's financial situation and suggested different methods that might put the club back on a more solid financial foundation. Coun. Garth Hollinger suggested that because the DCC can't afford the rent that the town charges, that the town should sell the curling rink to the club for \$1.

"I think giving the curling rink to the club for \$1 is calling the club done," said Coun. Joyce McCoy, suggesting that some financial mentorship be offered by town staff to the club. "I would like to see more (detailed) information (from the club). I'm not willing to see the curling club leave Didsbury."

Nicole Aasen, manager of community services, said town staff have already given the club a lot of financial mentorship.

"There's been a lot of conversation relative to that over the last three years," she told councillors.

Aasen added that the rent of \$5,306 per month plus GST that the club pays the town for the curling rink doesn't pay the entire cost of the ice plant at the facility.

Roy Brown, the town's chief administrative officer, said he thought in light of the cost to municipalities of providing facilities, it was time to consider regionalization of recreation.

"I believe it would make sense for Carstairs (residents) to come here. If we're going to run the Town of Didsbury like a business, we need to consider regionalization," he said.

At a community open house on Feb. 24, many of the roughly 150 people in attendance seemed split on the issue of the town supporting the curling club or letting it succeed or fail on its own merits.

"I, for one, am a big supporter of having a curling club because it becomes a draw (to the community)," said Marg Spencer.

Parker Neufeld, a teenager who began curling two years ago, said it would be a shame to lose the club. He

said the sport provides good exercise and helps junior curlers to relate to adults.

"If the Didsbury Curling Club closes, how will we be able to get a team in the Olympics?" he asked. "Please help us keep curling in Didsbury."

Jen Bommarito, president of the curling club, told the audience that while the club has 153 members, including 26 juniors, the junior program is quite successful, doubling in the last year. But because the club has lost money in the last two years, it needs help to survive.

"If the Didsbury Curling Club closed down, it would impact other businesses. It's a big challenge for the town to pay for recreation," Bommarito said, adding it would be a shame if the club folded. "We will do everything we can to build the club, but we need some help."

Bommarito said the club surveyed five other clubs in central Alberta and many of them pay either reduced or no utilities on their facilities. She said the Innisfail Curling Club pays \$5,000 per year in rent to the town while the DCC pays more than \$5,000 per month in rent plus about \$3,000 per month in utilities. A one-year membership ranges from \$50 to \$210 per curler and most members don't want to pay more, Bommarito said.

Bommarito has asked the town to consider waiving the rent the club pays, but that the club would continue to pay for utilities at the curling rink. Bommarito has also asked that the town consider moving the concession from the arena to the curling club. She told the audience at the open house that if the town accepted this proposal, the curling club would erase its deficit within two years.

When asked by an audience member about curlers funding the club on their own, Bommarito said it's asking a lot for members to self-fund their recreation because the costs are so high.

"At some point we have to pay for our own recreation. I'm not saying no to the rink. If the taxes keep going up in this town, there won't be anybody to pay taxes," said one man in the crowd, adding that there are many worthy projects and sports for the town to fund, and the curling club is just one.

Carson Shultz, a 40-year resident of Didsbury, urged the town to support the curling club before it ceases to exist, as happened to the lawn bowling club.

"When the town finally got around to offering assistance, it was too late. In comparison, how much financial support does the town give the swimming pool and hockey rink?"

Shultz said with many Didsbury residents being seniors, without a curling club, the community offers one less reason to visit or move to the community. Once that happens, businesses will lose out, he said.



Paul Frey/MVP Staff

**COMPUTER CASH** – Bruce Smith, president of the Didsbury Lions Club, presents a cheque for \$1,000 to Rhonda Roberts and Garth Dagg, librarian and principal, respectively at Didsbury High School. The donation to the school will go towards new laptop computers at the school's library.

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# New officer takes up post at Didsbury detachment

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

There's a new officer on the beat in Didsbury and Carstairs and she's looking forward to the challenge of community policing.

Cst. Caitlin MacKinnon took up her duties at the Didsbury detachment at the beginning of February after graduating from RCMP depot in Regina.

Although MacKinnon is a first-generation police officer, she said she always knew she wanted the career because "I always wanted to help people."

Hailing from small-town Ontario 45 minutes drive southwest of Barrie, MacKinnon said while she had several types of policing options available to her in Ontario, she chose

the RCMP because there are more opportunities available to her to move across the country.

"I love it here (in Didsbury). It's bigger than where I grew up, so there's a lot more around here. But I still love the small town feel that everybody knows each other and everyone's friendly," she said.

Before joining the RCMP MacKinnon completed a law and justice degree at Laurentian University in Sudbury. At some point in her career, she said, she may also try working in the more specialized units of the RCMP, "but we'll see once I get further into this, I think."

MacKinnon chose to come to Didsbury to be near to Calgary, and was lucky enough to get the posting she wanted.

**"I love it here (in Didsbury). It's bigger than where I grew up, so there's a lot more around here."**

**CST. CAITLIN MCKINNON**  
Didsbury RCMP



Kevin Vink/MVP Staff

Cst. Caitlin MacKinnon joined the ranks of the Didsbury RCMP last month, after graduating from the RCMP training facility in Regina.

## Fire department hopes to change call-outs

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

The Didsbury Fire Department hopes to only be called to assist patients in medical dis-

stress when needed, saving 20 per cent of call volume in the future.

Derek Sutherland, the town's director of protective services, went before town council on

Feb. 25 asking for council's permission to communicate with Alberta Health Services about the fire department only responding to medical assists when needed.

Currently when a serious medical call comes in and firefighters must respond with lights and siren for a person experiencing difficulty with breathing, when there is no ambulance in town or other serious medical responses, the fire department is automatically called out to assist. However, in up to half of these calls, emergency medical service personnel call off the firefighters, sometimes only when the firefighters get to the scene.

"We're finding that in a lot of cases the guys are getting to the hall, are getting geared up and then going to the call and then being told they're not needed," he told councillors.

Sutherland said these serious medical calls amount to about 40 per cent of calls for service and it's putting unnecessary stress on volun-

teers. He said this level of response has been discussed for a long time among firefighters. While firefighters want to continue providing good service to the community, it gets difficult when a lot of the calls are for medical assistance when firefighters' assistance isn't actually needed — especially at night.

"Essentially what we are asking is that firefighters not be called automatically," he said.

Coun. Lavar Adams said he hoped that firefighters would have more dedication than worrying about when they get called out.

"I would hope that our firefighters have more dedication than that," he said.

"These guys are extremely dedicated and they didn't take this request lightly," Sutherland said, noting that in many cases,

Alberta Health Services dispatch isn't calling off firefighters when they are no longer needed.

Sutherland said since AHS took over dispatch of medical calls throughout the province, this has been an issue. He said it wasn't an issue when medical calls were handled locally through Mountain View Regional Emergency Services Commission.

"The issue is that in a lot of situations, 40 to 50 calls a year, our fire department isn't required on medical calls and the paramedics on the ground are waiving us off to their dispatchers but it isn't being communicated in a timely manner to our dispatcher, so it's a communication problem between our dispatchers," Sutherland said in an interview. "What we're asking for is that the protocols be changed."



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# Wannamaker competes in sled dog race following surgery

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

Local sled dog racer Rick Wannamaker finished fourth in the 12-dog division of the Canadian Challenge International Sled Dog Race from Feb. 18-21. He was competing against seven other teams in the approximately 600-kilometre race from Prince Albert to La Ronge, Saskatchewan and back.

What made the feat even more remarkable was that Wannamaker had surgery to remove a cancerous tumour from his prostate in December 2013. While Wannamaker won the race in 2007 and 2008, because of his cancer diagnosis he hadn't been to the race since 2011. It was the sixth time Wannamaker travelled to take part in the race.

"We weren't going there to win, while winning's always good, but we went there to enjoy the experience,"

he said, adding it was "wonderful. The trail was wonderful."

Wannamaker said because of his surgery – which was only day surgery – he said he wasn't sure whether he would be able to race this year. But fellow competitor Jerry Walker allowed

**"We weren't going there to win, while winning's always good, but we went there to enjoy the experience."**

**RICK WANNAMAKER**  
Sled dog racer

Wannamaker to use eight of his dogs, while four of Wannamaker's dogs were trained together by Walker to form a team, which Wannamaker used during the race.

The northern lights that were visible during the race were the



Submitted photo

Rick Wannamaker sets out on his 600-kilometre journey from Prince Albert to La Ronge and back.

best Wannaker has ever seen.

"This race was way more enjoyable (than previous years) because I didn't know if I would ever get to go back to

racing. We were really fortunate this year (because) the northern lights were huge and if you go out in the middle of the night (at) -40 and the northern lights are

dancing and you're with your dogs, it probably (doesn't) get any better than that," he said.

The temperature at some points during the race was -45 C but

Wannamaker said racers wear extremely warm clothing and bundle the dogs in coats and booties on their feet so the cold temperatures don't affect the race.

## Committee sets out priorities for parks and recreation

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

Town council will be accepting the Recreation and Culture Master Plan at the March 25 meeting following a brief presentation of a committee's work into the document at the Feb. 25 meeting.

Nicole Aasen, director of community services, told councillors that 14 recommendations were made by the com-

mittee, which took six months to review facilities in town. Some of the recommendations include the town spending \$85,000 to do facility assessments on the arena, curling rink and multi-purpose room this year, while an assessment was already carried out in 2012 on the pool. Other priorities identified by the committee include scheduling regular maintenance on facilities, developing

a trail master plan, an off-leash dog park and a multi-use library complex.

Committee members thought the former high school lands would be a good place for the library complex, which they thought should be developed in five to 10 years.

The committee also suggested developing a community garden within the next year at the former site of the

lawn bowling club.

The town is also installing a new roof and having electrical work done at the pool. Aasen said the town has a tentative plan for how the community garden could work, but she said it's not certain whether a garden will take place this year.

Coun. Shirley Schulz, who sat on the committee, said there was also discussion amongst committee members

about regionalization of facilities, although funding was not discussed in great detail.

Deputy Mayor Gail Nowlan said following the presentation she thought it was a good plan that would help council make decisions in the future.

"I remember when I first saw it that I found it really interesting that council was thinking along the same lines, so I thought we were real-

ly in touch with what the general public was thinking," she said.

Aasen said in an interview that as facilities age, a plan to do scheduled work is important to allow the facilities to last as long as possible.

"By having a rec master plan in place, it allows council to budget effectively for it and set priorities as the years go on as to which project will be taken care of each year," she said.

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### PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm.  
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, March 12 at 4:30 pm.  
Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

**Didsbury Lifeline Society - Annual Meeting**  
Monday, March 10 at 10 am

Council Chambers

For more information, call Shirley Thompson at 403.335.3787

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Standard First Aid Course - April 12 and 13 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. \$130.00 + GST. Registration deadline is April 4.

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March

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- » Child Care Worker- part-time

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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Reliable rail system is a must for agriculture industry

Western Canadian farmers, including those in this region, have always relied on the national railway grain transportation system to get their products to domestic and international markets.

Unfortunately, according to the Redford government, that same railway system has been unable to meet the challenge of adequately handling last summer's bumper crop, creating a backlog of undelivered grain and putting producers in the unenviable position of failing to meet their customer commitments.

With Canadian farmers unable to get their grain to market, the damage to the country's agricultural industry is significant and ongoing, both in terms of reputation with international customers and in purely economic terms of product remaining unsold.

The 2013 western Canadian harvest produced more than 75-million metric tonnes of major grain crops, nearly 40 per cent more than the five-year average.

The Redford government says far too much of that bumper grain crop remains undelivered because the railway companies have failed to do the job they are tasked with.

In an effort to address what it calls a wholly unacceptable situation where grain is left undelivered and the Alberta farm community is left holding the bag, the provincial government has taken the offensive.

Specifically, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Verlyn Olson is now calling on the federal government to go hard at the railway companies by stepping up financial penalties and other sanctions.

"Unlike producers and grain companies, railways are not assessed immediate penalties when they fail to meet their grain-delivery obligations," said Olson. "That needs to change. The consequences of poor service needs to be shared by all to ensure our products move to port as quickly and efficiently as possible."

Premier Alison Redford added: "The weaknesses in our grain-handling transportation system need to be fixed. While this year's harvest was exceptional, higher yields are becoming the new norm in Western Canada and the problem will continue to grow unless appropriate steps are taken."

More than perhaps any other sector, the agriculture industry relies on the ability to move its product in a timely fashion to seaports, where it is then shipped to international markets.

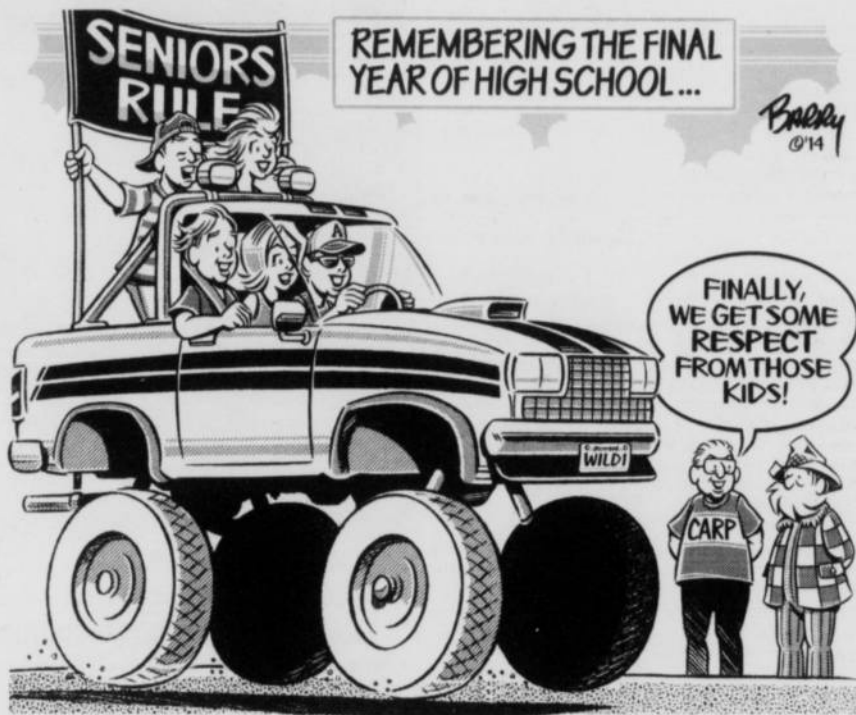
As such, an efficient and reliable railway system is an absolute must for the economic well-being of Alberta's and other Canadian grain farmers.

If financial penalties and other sanctions are needed to compel the rail companies to get more grain to market then that option must be considered.

However, the best option remains for government, railway companies and the agriculture industry to get together and find a mutually beneficial solution to what is fast becoming a national crisis.



DAN SINGLETON



## Letter to the editor

### Town urged to support curling club

My name is Carson Schultz. I am a 40-year resident of Didsbury.

No curling rink results in lost opportunities to the town of Didsbury.

The largest event in the town of Didsbury is the weeklong farmers' bonspiel which recently hosted its 20th annual event. This event has been made possible by sponsors and volunteers from this community.

The Didsbury Curling Club supported two-time world junior champion Charlie Thomas.

The town proclaimed itself as the home of stick curling in 2009. It is due to this sport that I have personally had the opportunity to curl with members of the Chinese and Swiss national

Olympic teams.

Lack of town support over the water bill resulted in the closure of the Didsbury Lawn Bowling Club – the only club of its kind between Calgary and Red Deer. Look at what an eyesore of weeds that turned into. When the town finally got around to offering assistance, it was too late. In comparison, how much financial support does the town give the swimming pool and hockey rink?

The Youngstown Curling Club folded due to financial problems. The building was turned over to the town, which realized the value of having a curling club and has since taken on the responsibility of funding to keep the curling alive in Youngstown, even to the point of hosting a summer

bonspiel.

Didsbury is classified as a seniors' community and without a curling rink it is just one less activity and reason to move or go to Didsbury. Curlers would have to travel to Olds, Carstairs or Cremona to curl. Once that happens, they will buy their gas, do their shopping, and have their meals out of town. This results in more lost revenue to local businesses.

I invite folks to support the Didsbury Curling Club by challenging the town with questions; forward letters of support to the Review. Carbon-copy your questions to the town, requesting answers.

Carson Schultz  
Didsbury

## Letter writers wanted

### Got an opinion?

Write it down and send it to us through email @  
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# Colts closed out in five despite shutout in Game 4

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

The Stettler Lightning are moving on to the second round of the Heritage Junior Hockey League playoffs after defeating the Mountainview Colts 6-4 on March 2 in Game 5 of their playoff series.

"We had a tremendous effort. We just came up short," said Colts head coach Gord Olsen following the conclusion of Game 5.

On Feb. 28, the Colts staved off elimination with a 1-0 victory on home ice in Game 4. Connor Slipp got the shutout, blocking all 36 shots he faced.

The game was a close-checking contest, with neither team getting much in the way of quality scoring chances. When they did, the goaltenders were equal to the challenge.

The lone goal of the game came off the stick of Rick Gundlock at 8:22 of the second period. Gundlock said following the game the Colts played much better than in the previous three games, which the Lightning won.

"I thought we played a lot better than we had in the past few games. I thought we clogged up the neutral zone a lot more and we didn't

really allow them to get in our zone. I don't think they had nearly as many scoring chances as they had in the first three games, so I think we played a lot better defensively," he said.

Gundlock gave credit to Slipp who was up to every challenge the Lightning threw his way.

"It was huge," he said. Slipp said the game was one of the closest checking games of the season, with the Colts doing a good job of boxing the Lightning out and keeping them to the outside.

"It was really tight. When we got the first one, we just had to play strong defensively and keep it shut down in our zone," he said. "This was definitely our best game of the series defensively."

Olsen said despite the early exit from the playoffs, the Colts still had a tremendous season. The Colts won 20, lost 13 and tied three during the regular season.

"The season was a fantastic year for the kids. That's a pretty decent record when we've pretty much been a scrape-into-the-playoffs team; we finished third (in the north division). It was good."



## AGT building designated Municipal Historic Resource

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

Town council designated the former AGT building on 19 Avenue as a municipal historic resource during its Feb. 25 meeting. A public hearing was held on the matter, but nobody appeared before council, which gave second and third reading to a bylaw designating the building as a municipal historic resource.

The building was built in the 1920s and used as a telephone exchange until 1965.

The building, now owned by the Town of Didsbury, is the second municipal historic resource that has been designated by council. The first building designated by council was the JV Berscht building in July 2013.

  
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# Calgary Roughnecks teach Westglen students about lacrosse

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

Members of the Calgary Roughnecks National Lacrosse League team were on hand on Feb. 28 teaching the basic skills of Canada's other national sport to students at Westglen School.

Dane Dobbie and Dan MacRae taught the students different ways of picking up the ball and proper shooting technique. This is the first year that Dobbie has visited Calgary and area schools to teach students about the sport, but the Roughnecks started the program about a dozen years ago. The Roughnecks have visited Westglen a few times in the past. Roughnecks' captain Andrew McBride has been running the program for about the past eight years.

"Andrew offered us this job and ... you know it's a privilege for us to go to schools and be able to help kids out and try and grow the lacrosse game. Every year it gets busier and busier

and more schools (are added) so ... it's really cool to see," Dobbie said.

Dobbie and MacRae are originally from communities in Ontario, where interest in the game is strong. Dobbie said registration in Alberta minor lacrosse has doubled in the past few years and that is a testament to the popularity of the sport.

"Ever since I played for Calgary the sport has been growing and I (have) played there for seven years ... and lacrosse has grown quite a bit," he said.

"It's really cool running this program and actually showing Canada's national sport to kids that actually had no idea that it actually (is Canada's national sport). It's good to introduce the game to kids that don't understand it," he said.

While Dobbie said lacrosse teaches a lot of useful skills such as hand-eye coordination, the best skill it teaches is teamwork.



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Ashley Wonnacott practises shooting a lacrosse ball on Feb. 28 during a visit to Westglen School by Calgary Roughneck players.



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**BEAVERS TUES.** - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

**KING HIRAM LODGE #21** - has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

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**DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE** - supper meetings every 2nd and 4th Thurs. Supper at 7:00 p.m. meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call 403-335-4655.

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**MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALERS BEGIN THEIR FALL PRACTICES** on Monday evening, Sept. 10 at 7pm. at the FIVE-0 club. If you like to sing come and join us, we are a fun group.

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**THE ROTARY CLUB OF DIDSBURY/ CARSTAIRS** meets each Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:00pm. Contact Ernie Ruckman. 403-335-4739. New Members Welcome!

**DIDSBURY DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP** meets every last Monday of the month. 3:00pm. at Aspen Ridge Lodge. Contact Brandee 403-335-7273 or Sharon 403-335-7285.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALERS** have started their fall practices. If you like to sing, join us at the 5-0 Club. Monday evenings @7pm. We are a fun group.



## AROUND TOWN

WITH THE DIDSBURY LIBRARY

### March 7

World Day Of Prayer Service at Knox United Church. 2:00 pm.

### March 10

Didsbury Lifeline Society Annual Meeting on Monday, March 10 at 10 am at the Town Office. For more information please call Shirley Thompson at 403-335-3787.

### March 11

Mountain View Christian Women's Breakfast at 9:30 AM Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym. For reservations or more info please call Ann 403-335-8444. Free Babysitting. This month's feature: Vicki Johnson - a presentation about the value of exercise.

### March 15

Call to Artists! The Mountain View Arts Society is now accepting applications from visual artists from around the region until March 15th for the Art Show & Sale (A Brush With Art) at the Didsbury Art, Travel & Trade Expo, April 5 & 6, 2014 in Didsbury. More info: www.mountainviewartsociety.ca  
Merrilee 403-512-9888 Frankie 403-335-3633

### March 15

Didsbury Museum hosts "Yuk Yuk's" On tour Stand-Up Comedy. "You just can't laugh any harder!" Multipurpose Room at Didsbury Sports Complex. Doors Open at 7 pm - Show starts at 8 pm. Cash bar, snacks available. Door prize is an Excursion for Two with Alberta Prairie Railway. 50/50 draws. Tickets are \$35 each \$30 with a museum membership available at the Didsbury Museum or via PayPal on the website: www.didsburymuseum.ca.

### March 18

Open House at the Didsbury Library. Refreshments, demonstrations and displays. Join us as we honour our volunteers and show you what's new @your library!

### March 24

Tails to Tell Animal Rescue Shelter Ltd is a Microchip Clinic at Didsbury Veterinary Services. Monday March 24, starting at 1:00 pm for \$25.00. Have your pet identified. Pre-registration is required. Forms at tailstotell.ca, on Tails to Tell Facebook page or call 403-946-0011. Payment by cash only.

### March 26

Coffee & Conversation at the Didsbury Museum. Artist Elsie Archer will be in house to do a hands on demonstration of "Suminagashi" Ink on Water painting. Coffee & Conversation is free and is held on the 4th Wednesday of the month. 1PM to 3:30 PM.

Promote your events in this column. Send info to didsburylibrary@pr.ab.ca or drop off copy at Didsbury Library 2033 19 Ave.

# Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

## Berthall Mennonite Church

Didsbury, Alberta  
5km S of the Didsbury Overpass,  
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Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.  
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Hearing Interpreter  
email: berthall@xplonnet.com  
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Knights of Columbus:  
Gary McNeil 403-335-8611  
For more information  
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## Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan  
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## Anglican Church of Canada

St. Cyprian's  
2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 403-335-4664  
Rector - David Asher  
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## West Zion Mennonite Church

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## Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

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## Commentary

### Government intervention not the solution to market problems

BY SEAN SPEER  
AND CHARLES LAMMAM

Troy Media/ - The federal government recently poured \$36.3 million into the Northleaf Venture Catalyst Fund - the first of many soon-to-come government-sponsored funds comprising Ottawa's \$400 million "Venture Capital Action Plan." That plan, conceived with the view that Canada's lacklustre venture capital industry requires a government solution, ignores Canadian evidence that shows government-sponsored venture capital is ineffective.

More fundamentally though, it represents a further blurring of the lines between pro-market and pro-business government policy.

We witnessed similar thinking during a recent pre-budget consultation with federal cabinet ministers. In response to the question what should government do to "help businesses grow," one business participant suggested the government come up with ways to encourage businesses to operate more efficiently, implying the competitive pressures of the market are insufficient. The notion that bureaucrats and politicians have the knowledge and ability to help businesses become more efficient is no doubt a far cry from reality.

But we can't solely fault business people for blurring the lines between markets and government when federal finance minister Jim Flaherty himself claims his new taxpayer-funded venture capital fund will "revitalize Canada's venture capital sector and increase private sector investments." This type of pronouncement belies the evidence on government intervention in the venture capital market.

Canadian studies on government-sponsored venture capital and so-called labour-sponsored venture capital corporations have found government venture capital initiatives underperform. Part of the reason is that government lacks the information and/or expertise of private investors

and typically injects political calculations into decision-making.

Yet despite these findings, self-proclaimed pro-market types can sometimes exhibit cognitive dissonance. Then suddenly they claim we need more government "incentives" to "level the playing field" because, of course, their industry is "different" and in any case it will produce a "multiplier" in the form of more investment and jobs.

Ottawa's move into venture capital is a reminder that an important distinction exists between government policies that are pro-market and ones that are merely and unwisely, pro-business; the distinction is one that governments and businesses too often forget.

Markets are decentralized, voluntary, and dynamic. They are generally good at allocating resources based on supply and demand factors. Price signals help inform sellers and buyers how much goods and services ought to cost. Markets deliver this information in a neutral way without biases towards specific sectors or firms.

With pro-market policies, the government's role is to establish the rules of the game including the legal and regulatory frameworks. It allows the market to function efficiently and generate positive economic outcomes while limiting unnecessary interventions that can cost taxpayers plenty of money.

In contrast, pro-business policies involve the government propping certain sectors or firms - in other words, picking winners. But the government is a poor substitute for market forces since the government and bureaucrats, no matter how well-intentioned, cannot replicate the real-time information produced by the various interactions in the market.

Propping up failing or questionable firms is the most anti-market policy a government can implement and the roundtable participant's call for pro-business policies is an example of this "pro-business" but anti-market thinking. In these

instances politicians are pleased to trade market forces for state intervention to subsidize certain companies or industries. That's the political calculus in action.

But the policies that stem from this thinking - such as corporate welfare and regulations that create barriers to entry for new competitors - distort the functioning of markets and often hurt consumers and other businesses.

There is no better example than the perversities of Canada's supply management system which limits competition and artificially secures large profits for a small number of dairy producers at the expense of consumers - especially low income consumers - who are burdened with less choice and higher prices when purchasing milk and cheese.

Our Fraser Institute colleague Mark Milke has extensively documented the federal government's long history of corporate welfare. His most recent study examining only one federal department - the Department of Industry - found more than \$22.1 billion in direct subsidies from 1961 to 2012 including as many as 75 disbursements to the same company.

The solution is not to double down on more pro-business policies that produce these outcomes. Instead Canada needs a pro-market agenda that eliminates corporate subsidies, liberalizes ownership restrictions in protected sectors such as telecommunications and airlines, and enacts a neutral and competitive tax regime for all businesses and individuals.

These policies would reduce the scope for government interference in the functioning of markets and eliminate preferences for certain industries or businesses at the expense of their competitors or consumers. That is a positive pro-market agenda that Canadian governments ought to embrace.

Sean Speer is the associate director of fiscal studies and Charles Lammam is resident scholar in economic policy at the Fraser Institute.

#### Impaired driver strikes second vehicle

Didsbury RCMP received a report on Feb. 22 at 4 a.m. that a suspected impaired driver struck another vehicle while driving on 23 Street and 15 Avenue. When RCMP responded, they arrested the driver after he registered twice the legal limit of alcohol in his blood on the intoxilyzer. The 20-year-old man from Mayerthorpe has a April 7 court date.

#### RCMP Report

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

#### Calgary man arrested for impaired driving

The RCMP intercepted a suspected impaired driver

shortly after 9 p.m. on Feb. 26 after the 41-year-old Calgary man exited Highway 2 onto Highway 582. The man registered more than twice the legal limit of alcohol in his bloodstream. He has an April 14 court date.

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**SHARPE, Douglas Allan "Doug"**  
October 26, 1946 - Duncan, B.C.  
February 17, 2014 - Calgary, AB

On Monday, February 17, 2014 at the age of 67 years, Douglas Allan Sharpe went Home to spend eternity with His Lord and Savior.

Our beloved Husband, Dad and Grandpa was born on October 26, 1946 in Duncan, British Columbia. Most of his childhood years were spent in Castor, Alberta and it was there that he met Connie Welsh. In 1967, they pledged their lives to each other in marriage. Their eldest daughter, Trina, was born in 1971 in High Prairie, Alberta. In 1976, their youngest, Tara, was born in Calgary, Alberta. Doug had a long, rewarding career with ATCO Gas and was also involved in local politics.

Before Retirement, Doug spent the remaining years of his career in the Airdrie ATCO office. A family man and treasured friend, he always had a laugh, a joke, or a story to share. He was always ready to offer a listening ear and had such a generous, kind spirit. Throughout their married lives, Connie and Doug loved to travel together. An avid photographer and motorcycle enthusiast, Doug enjoyed many road trips with Connie, family and friends. Shortly into retirement, Doug's diagnosis of Multiple Myeloma charted a new course for him as he had at times, a very difficult battle to fight. He bravely fought, even enjoying a short remission in which he found time to become a volunteer driver for other cancer patients. In this time, he also became the very proud Grandfather of three beautiful grandchildren whom he loved so deeply.

Doug is survived by his loving wife Connie of Airdrie; daughters Trina (Steve) Dunsmoor of Kelowna and Tara (Jacob) Topping of Calgary; three grandchildren, Jonathan, Oliver and Alexis Topping. Doug is also survived by his three siblings Sheryl Jackson and family of Calgary, Wayne (Linda) Sharpe and family of Leduc, and Cindy (Marty) Miller of Spruce Grove.

Doug was predeceased by his father Eric; mother Elsie; and brother-in-law Russ Jackson.

A Memorial Service for Doug took place at Centre Street Church (3900- 2nd Street N.E. Calgary, Alberta) on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Condolences may be forwarded through [www.mcinnissandholloway.com](http://www.mcinnissandholloway.com). The family would like to thank Dr. Bahlis, Dr. Neri and the staff of Units 57 and 46 at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre and FMC for their compassionate care throughout his illness. If so desired, donations in memory of Doug may be made to a charity of your choice.

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